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1. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Charles Johnson, Staff Director, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who advised that the Post Office Committee cannot organize until its members are assigned but that there is no press by the Chairman for assignment. Even after assignment of members, there may be some delays by the Chairman in organizing the Committee. As for the Executive Pay Bill, Mr. Johnson feels that there are sufficient votes available in the Committee to override any objection to the proposed increases and that delays in organization of the Committee will foreclose consideration of any motions such as the one presented by Representative Gross, at least until such time as the Committee is organized. The thirty days for consideration of such objections will run from the time of the President's budget message.

Mr. Johnson noted that studies are in process for rather extensive reorganization of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee by reducing the number of Subcommittees and recasting the Committee rules to place additional authority in the hands of Chairman Dulski. As for legislation, he advised that Representative Daniels, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Retirement, Insurance and Health Benefits, will be pushing hard on the retirement bill that passed the House at the close of the last Session. Although there are technical imperfections in the bill, Representative Daniels will be introducing it in the House in the form in which it passed and leaving the cleanup work to the Senate Committee. Mr. Bannerman has been advised.

2. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. George Norris, House Armed Services Committee staff, and provided an interim report on his request for information for Chairman Bennett relating to Liberia and advised that we were working against a suspense date of Wednesday, 15 January. Mr. Norris thanked me and advised that this would be timely.

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